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Islands.

S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 31, 1904.

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A SIMPLE REMEDY

FOR ALL 'FRUIT IMPURITIES
OF THE BLOOD. **SALT.**

'It is not too much to say that the merits of
ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT' have been published, tested, and
approved, literally from Pole to Pole, and that its
cosmopolitan popularity to-day presents one of the
most signal illustrations of commercial enterprise to be
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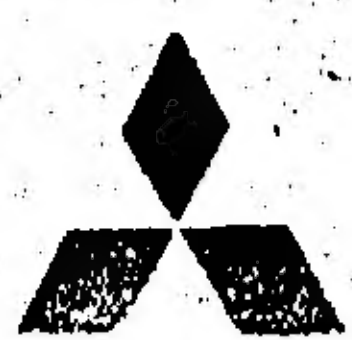
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CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Foreign Navies; the
Imperial Armaments; the Imperial Railways; Sanyo, Kishu and the other Principal
Railways; Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takashima, Ochi, Shinner, Namazuta and Kami-
Yamada Collieries, and also Hojo Colliery, which will be ready to produce on a large
scale the best Buzen Coal from 1905.EXPORTERS OF COAL to Hongkong, Shanghai, Hankow, Singapore, Manila,
North China, Korea ports and America.The Head and Branch Offices and the
Agencies of the Company will receive any
order for Coals produced from the above
Collieries.Coal sold in 1903 by the Company
amounted to 1,210,000 tons.

TAKASHIMA COAL.

New and additional shafts at the Takashima Colliery have been completed and
this well-known best and most economical
steam coal in the East is now produced in
abundance and can be supplied in any
quantity.

Hongkong, April 26, 1904.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
Master of the British Steamer *LIN*
GAN, reports having on the 2nd Inst.,
passed a FLOATING WRECK in Lat.
30° 24' N., Long. 120° 54' E., and on the
same day in Lat. 30° 34' N., Long. 120°
38' E., he passed a Floating Mine with pro-
jecting Prouge.

A. HOLZ,

Harbour Master, Swatow, August 12, 1904.

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PURE LINSEED OIL

Awarded Bronze Medal at the Paris

Exhibition, 1900.

Gold Medal at the Indian Industrial

Exhibition 1893, 1900 & 1901.

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and the Colonies.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO.,

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Cable Address: 'LOXLEY', Hongkong.

Hongkong, July 22, 1903.

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near the 'Train Terminus' Telephone 56.

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Apply to the MANAGER.

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METROPOLE HOTEL.

THREE Miles out on the Shan-ki-wan

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Prepared in First-class Style on the shortest
notice.

Dinner Parties and Parties Catered for.

JAS. ORRISTIE,
Proprietor and Manager.

Hongkong, August 13, 1904.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12% per Share and
BONUS of 4% per Share for the six
months ending 30th June, 1904, declared
at Monday's Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting,
will be Payable at the Premises of the
HONGKONG AND SHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, Limited, after TUESDAY, 23rd
August, and Shareholders are requested to
apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the
COMPANY'S OFFICE, Queen's Building,
New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. J. J. J.

Hongkong, August 9, 1904.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE

IN Accordance with the Provisions of
No. 121, of the Articles of Association,
the General Agents have this day declared
an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 5% for the
Half-year ending 30th June, 1904, on the
PAID-UP CAPITAL.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS, payable on
MONDAY, the 29th August, will be sent to
Shareholders on application.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 10th to 29th
Inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, August 9, 1904.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL,
on SATURDAY, the 27th AUGUST, 1904,
at Noon, for the purpose of Receiving a
Statement of Accounts of the Company to
the 30th June, 1904, with the Report of the
Directors, and to discuss any matter that
may be competently brought before the
Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 21st to
the 27th August, inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 17, 1904.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON

WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY,

LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf
& Godown Company, Limited, will be held
at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co's
Offices, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hong-
kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of
August, 1904, at 12.15 o'clock in the after-
noon, when the following resolutions will
be proposed:—

Should the said resolutions be passed by
the required majority they will be sub-
mitted for confirmation as special resolu-
tions to a second Extraordinary meeting,
which will be subsequently convened.

1. That the Capital of the Company be
increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 by
the creation of 10,000 new shares of \$50
each.

2. That such new shares be issued at a
premium of \$30 per share and be offered to
those persons who are registered as share-
holders of the Company on 1st October,
1904, in the proportion of one new share
for every complete three shares held by
them on 1st October, 1904.

3. That the amount due for the new
shares be called up on 31st December,
1904.

Dated the 15th August, 1904.

By Order of the Board,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

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ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 105, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND

LODGE will be held at FARMER'S

HALL, on THURSDAY, the 1st September,
at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, August 23, 1904.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 205 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTH CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO

THE YANGTZE.

Kiloon Lightship to be

replaced by a Gas-lighted

Lightship.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

about the beginning of October next

the present Kiu-tsun Lightship will be re-
placed by a Gas-lighted Lightship.

The New Lightship will be of about 70

tons long and 21 feet beam, painted Red
with the word 'Kiu-tsun' on her sides in
White Letters.

The Light will be exhibited from a lantern

carried by an iron column, and will be
Dioptric, Group Opting, of the Fourth
Order, showing a red White Light varied
by two Eclipses every 20 seconds as
follows:—

Light 12 seconds.

Eclipse 2 "

Light 2 "

Eclipse 2 "

And so on.

The centre of the Light will be 20 feet

above the water, and the Light should be
visible clear weather at a distance of 11
nautical miles.

During foggy or thick weather a 10-owl

fog bell will be struck 3 double blows in
each minute, the interval between the blows
of each pair being 3 seconds, and between
two successive pairs of blows 15 seconds.If the Lightship is driven from her pre-
sented position, the Light will not be
shown, but a Red Flag hoisted by day.From the 1st of September until this
change is made the Lightship will be
Kiu-tsun Lightship, and will consist of a Gong
sounded every 15 seconds.

H. G. MYERS,

Acting Deputy Port Inspector,
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspection Office,
Shanghai, August 24, 1904.

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Intimations.

RAINIER.

BEER.

THERE'S NEW VEER AND STRENGTH IN EVERY DROP.

M. J. CONNELL,

7, Beaconsfield Arcade.

SOLE AGENTS:

HONGKONG and PHILIPPINES.

Hongkong, July 28, 1904.

1578

To Let.

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N. 4, ORMSBY VILLAS, Kowloon.

Apply to

SAM WANG & CO., LD.,

81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, July 20, 1904.

1408

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS on the First Floor of

ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

Apply to

SECRETARY,

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, June 16, 1904.

1405

TO LET.

SAVOY CHAMBERS, Kowloon, a Four-

ROOM FLAT To Let.

Apply to

ANGLO-AMERICAN STORES,

Hongkong or Kowloon.

Hongkong, June 25, 1904.

697

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 6, NEW PRAYA, KER-

NEY TOWN.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, July 28, 1904.

1382

TO LET.

A EUROPEAN HOUSE, No. 153, Praya

East, Four Rooms and Kitchen,
Servants' Quarters, Bathrooms, Hot and
Cold Water. Good Sea View.

Apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Hongkong, August 8, 1904.

1446

TO LET.

No. 52, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 11, MOSQUE JUNCTION. Full

View of Harbour.

WILD DEL BUILDING, No. 147, WAN-

CHAI ROAD. Comfortable and Airy Flat
of 4 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of
Rates.

And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH,

LAND & ESTATE BROKER,
DAIRY FARM CO.

Hongkong, July 14, 1904.

2030

TO LET.

OFFICES in Nos. 10 and 15, DES

VOUX ROAD CENTRAL.

No. 17, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing
Race Course.

No. 1, CLIFTON GARDENS.

No. 1, RIVER TERRACE, in FLATS.

FLATS in MORTON TERRACE, facing the
Pole Ground.OFFICES, in Course of Erection, Con-
NAUGHT ROAD (near Blake Pier).

GODOWN PRAYA EAST.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, August 18, 1904.

1403

TO LET.

No. 10, AUSTIN AVENUE, Kowloon,

Immediate Possession. Moderate
Rent.No. 6, GRANVILLE AVENUE. Im-
mediate Possession—Moderate Rental.THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS, Euro-
pean Style, in Kowloon. Possession on or
about 31st August, 1905.

MODERATE RENTALS.

Apply to

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE

CO., LTD.

Hongkong, August 18, 1904.

648

TO LET.

STONEHAVEN, 35, Robinson Road,
Containing 5 VENTILATED ROOMS,
with Kitchen, Servants' Quarters and a
Spacious Tennis Court. Possession 1st
September.

Apply to

SAM WANG & CO., LD.,

Hongkong, August 8, 1904.

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DRAWING-ROOM,
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THREE PLACED WHISKIES:

1st - KING EDWARD VII.

VERY OLD LIQUEUR

Gold Label \$22.00

2nd - KING EDWARD VII.

LIQUEUR

White Label \$18.50

A Good 3rd:

'CLUB' \$15.00

A Whisky that is perfect with 'TAN-
SAN' Water.

SOLE AGENTS:

H. PRICE & CO.,

12, Queen's Road Central.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

Noon. Auction of a Shipment of First
Class Hocks, at Mr Geo. P. Lammy's
Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.

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The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

In the House of Lords

THE NEW ARMY ON JULY 31 the Earl of

SCHEM. Donoughmore made

one of those statesman-

like speeches that we have learned to

expect from him. His tact and su-

perity were in constant evidence in the old

Hongkong days, where his position

called for little more, and now he is

proving the wisdom of the Government

in summoning him to really high office.

He was on this occasion explaining to

their Lordships the purport of the

new army proposals, not at all

as a party question, but as a

scheme which will take some ten

or twelve years to perfect, and it is

to be hoped, will be carried out consist-

ently whoever may be in power. The

main purpose of the army is to go

abroad and we do not require a large

army at home. There the Navy is our

first, second and third lines of defence,

and if it be unable to protect us from

the landing of hostile hordes, the army

will be equally ineffectual. The Militia

will be welded into the line so as not

to compete with it for recruits and must

be made equally efficient.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, August 27:

Meeting of Hongkong Gymkhana Club

at Happy Valley.

Noon. Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co.,

Ld., at the Company's Hotel.

9 p.m. - Pronounced Concert on Volun-

teer Head-quarters.

9 p.m. - Performance at Metropolitan

Theatre.

SUNDAY, August 28:

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

An attempt is to be made to manufac-

ture cigars at Sandakan.

Mangos have caused an outbreak of

cholera in the Kudat Resident

ship, North Borneo.

M. Paderewski met with great re-

ceptions in Australia. Upon arrival at

Sydney from Melbourne large crowds

cheered him.

A telegram from Simla, dated August 3,

says that Captain Dorr-Smith, Rifle

Briade, is nominated as an Extra A. D. C.

to the Governor-General of Australia.

The British North-Borneo Herald is

being temporarily edited by Mr C. J.

Skinner, acting Judicial Commissioner.

The paper is a Government concern and is

'gazetish' in appearance.

The Japanese population of districts

under the control of the Japanese police

station in Seoul was 8,268 at the end of

July. In Seoul alone, there were 4,229

residents, occupying 994 houses.

A complaint is made that the stock of

A.V.H. gin kept at the Sandakan museum

for preserving rakes, etc., has mysteriously

evaporated. Somebody has probably

seen snakes eat this in consequence.

Mr Yi Chong-il, editor of the *Chae*

Kukshinmun Korea, whose crime seems to

have been illegal fishing of a contem-

porary's editorial leader, has been released

after 4 months' imprisonment. — *Korea*

Daily News.

Russia and Britain.

A telegram from London, dated Aug-

ust 1, states that the *Daily Mail's* St.

Petersburg correspondent telegraphed that

Turkey has granted permission for the

Dmitri vessel to pass the Dardanelles. The

Russian Consul at Suez refuses to grant

passes to British steamers passing through

the Red Sea similar to those granted to

German vessels.

An Identification Test.

The Russian troops on the Tumen river

are keeping a strict lookout for Japanese

spies. Every new arrival is subjected to

all manner of tests to ensure his true na-

tionality. The big toe is inspected first to

discover if it has been widened from the

use of Japanese sandals. The hair is an-

other test, if long and thin it argues Korean

nationality, if short and stubby Japanese.

The speech of everyone is closely examined

in an endeavour to detect a foreign

accent.

Alleged Forgery.

A Chinaman, who was described as

he buyer for a shop at Shaukiwan, was

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1904.

THE CHINA MAIL.

PRAYA RECLAMATION DISPUTE.

An Interesting Appeal Case.

At the Supreme Court, this morning, before their Lordships, Sir W. M. Gooden, Chief Justice, and Mr. T. S. S. Smith, Puisne Judge, judgment was delivered in the action in which Chu Lee and Chu Ping appealed against the judgment of the Chief Justice, given in favour of Chan Ut Chiu and Pan Koo Shan.

The Chief Justice, in delivering judgment, said—This is an appeal from the judgment of the Chief Justice in the above action, delivered on March 20 last, in favour of the respondents, who were the plaintiffs in the action. When the Praya Reclamation Ordinance was passed on May 10, 1889, there were three sections of Marine Lot 53a, which fronted the then Praya, namely sections B and D, and what was called 'the remaining portions.' There were also two sections, namely, section C and section A, which had no frontage on the Praya. The reclamation from the sea or harbour on the other side of the Praya (a fifty foot roadway belonging to the Crown and running between the harbour and Marine Lot 53a) was to be made under the Ordinance. Section 7, which is numbered as Section 8 in the edition of the New Ordinance, begins by reciting that (as I interpret the section) the 'frontages,' or the majority of them, had signed their readiness to contribute towards the cost to be incurred for, and in connection with, the reclamation, provided the Governor would grant to them, respectively, Crown Leases of such equitable proportion of the proposed reclamation as might be available, having regard to public requirements in respect of roads and streets to be made on the land when reclaimed, and in the case of each frontage (as I interpret the word 'lease' in the circumstances) having regard to the claims of other frontages (the word is 'leases,' which I again hold to mean 'frontages,' in accordance with the interpretation given by the first few lines of the section).

The section then provides that a plan should be made, signed by the Surveyor General and countersigned by the Governor showing in detail the portion of the proposed reclamation allotted to each (as I interpret it) 'frontage,' of the lots of land or sections thereof registered in their names at the Land Registry Office at the date of the commencement of the Ordinance. This plan was to be deposited at the said office and to have annexed to it a schedule containing a list of the leases (as I interpret it) 'frontages' of each lot of land and section thereof, and the approximate contribution required from each of them in respect of the cost of his portion of the reclamation. This plan and schedule were to be gazetted. This was duly done. The plan showed the 'equitable proportions' of the reclamation allotted to Yui Chow, the lessee of sections B and D, and to Chu Chuen, the lessee of the so-called 'remaining portions,' both being frontages, and, of course, it showed no portion allotted to the lessees of sections A and C, who were not 'frontages.' The schedule gave Yui Chow 5855 square feet, and to Chu Chuen 1228 square feet.

The system apportioning to 'frontages' only was carried out all through the scheme. Mr. Bruce Shepherd, the Land Officer, in his evidence, stated—'The general rule was to divide the reclamation according to the line of frontage, lineal frontages were undivided and frontages were divided. In the Government scheme no portion of the reclamation was allotted to back section owners of Marine Lots. In my opinion that course was in accordance with the intention of the Ordinance. It has been acted upon all through, and to place any other interpretation upon the Ordinance now, when, after fifteen years, the reclamation has been practically completed and have dealt with their interests in the portions allotted to them, would be most disastrous. In my opinion the plan and schedule allotted their respective 'equitable proportions' to Yui Chow and Chu Chuen quite properly, and I cannot help feeling that if these gentlemen had been left alone they would have signed the agreements for their respective portions of reclamation in due course. Some one, however, in my opinion, misreading the Ordinance, put it into Chu Chuen's head that he was entitled to a much larger portion than that allotted to him, because he held a considerable proportion of Marine Lot 53a, as a back section owner. Whether it was the English gentleman who wrote Chu Chuen's letters to the Colonial Secretary, I do not know. The name of that gentleman was mentioned in the course of the argument, but I cannot help feeling that Chu Chuen's letters were not written by a Chinese. However that may be, the contention on the part of Chu Chuen was that the 'equitable proportion' which really ought to have been allotted to Yui Chow was 'so small that he could not build upon it in conformity with the building agreement of the Reclamation Ordinance' (see letters December 23, 1889). There was no evidence that Yui Chow consulted any lawyer, and, fifteen years ago, Chinese in Hongkong were even less familiar with English Law than they are now. Personally, I have no doubt that the real reason why Yui Chow did not signify his acceptance in writing and enter into the agreement was afraid that those who asserted the claims of back section holders would involve him in litigation and trouble if he did. Mr. Stephens, the lessee of back section C, was a lawyer, and even Mr. Bruce Shepherd, the Officer in Charge of the Land Office, in this particular case, for some reason which I cannot understand, to have given some countenance to the claims of the back section holders of Marine Lot 53a, because his evidence he says, 'What I decided in the matter was that the person entering into the agreement should guarantee either to assign an 'equitable proportion' of the said reclamation, or to pay an equivalent in money to the owners of the back sections.' Now, if I am right in my construction of the Ordinance, the back section holders had no claim whatever. I cannot, therefore, quite see why Yui Chow was allured to enter into the agreement, as well as his own, except upon the understanding that before the Crown Leases came to be granted, years afterwards, when the reclamation should be

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Following is the Report of the Board of Directors of the above Company to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at noon, on Saturday, the 27th August—

Hotel Company, Limited.—Gentlemen—The Directors beg to submit their Report for the half-year ended the 31st June, 1904.

Accounts.—The Profit on Working Account amounted to \$95,077.07, as compared with \$132,018.17 for the corresponding period of 1903, being a decrease of \$36,941.10.

Profit and Loss Account, including the sum of \$3,161.00 brought forward from 31st December, 1903, shows a credit balance of \$88,876.14, which your Directors propose to apportion as follows:— To pay a Dividend of 10 per cent. ... \$40,000.00 To write off ... 7,207.49 To transfer to Reserve and Renewals Account ... 10,000.00 To carry forward to new Account 11,668.65

Electric Light.—The Installation was completed last February, and has given satisfaction.

Directors.—Mr. W. H. Potts retired by rotation, but offers himself for re-election. Mr. W. Parfitt has been granted twelve months' leave of absence.

Audit.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs H. U. Jeffries & Co., R. Lowe, who offer themselves for re-election.

STORY OF A CABINET COUNCIL.

Why France Fell.

In reviewing the eighth volume of Emile Ollivier's work on the 'Second Empire,' *The Times* brings out the fact that it was Napoleon III.'s fatal error to dislike Austria. In my opinion the latter had been brought for the decision of the Court in 1889, the Court would have held that Yui Chow's equitable proportion of the whole of Marine Lot 53a was reclamation in front of the plan and schedule, and that Chu Chuen's equitable proportion was the other portion allotted to him by the plan and schedule, in respect of what was called 'the remaining portions' of Marine Lot 53a. It was admitted that the appellants stood in the place of Chu Chuen's predecessor in title, and that the respondents stood in the place of Yui Chow, their predecessor in title. I can see nothing affecting this case in the fact that, after the action was begun, the appellants were allowed to enter into a Provisional Agreement giving a similar undertaking to that given by a similar agreement to the respondent and on the whole I adhere to the judgment I gave in the Court below, and which went fully into the matter. On referring to my notes I see that the Counsel for the appellants admitted in the Court below, while Mr. Sharp, K.C., the Counsel for the plaintiffs was opening his case, that the plaintiffs were entitled to the portion of the reclamation, and if so I can only say it appears to me that they are entitled to the proportion the plan and schedule allotted to Yui Chow.

The appeal, therefore, must be dismissed with costs. Mr. T. S. Smith, after outlining the facts of the case and arguing at considerable length, said—The Ordinance, the agreement and surrounding circumstances demonstrate in my judgment that the relation of trustee and cestui que trust existed between Chu Chuen and Yui Chow in respect of the right to a grant of a Crown lease of the portion of the reclamation which is marked red on the plan annexed to the agreement which is signed by Chu Chuen. It must be assumed that the land marked red on the plan annexed to the agreement was allotted to the owner of sections B and D, because it was deemed to be the equitable proportion to which that owner was entitled by the Ordinance. At any rate Chu Chuen was trustee for Yui Chow of the portion allotted on the plan, and if Yui Chow's successors in title, the present respondents, are dissatisfied with that apportionment there are means by which the question can be raised against the Crown as to whether they are receiving the equitable proportion contemplated by the Ordinance. In my opinion they will receive that proportion, though that expression of opinion is not necessary to the decision in this case. On the other hand, if the appellants think they have a claim against the Crown by reason of the undertaking given by Chu Chuen they also have their remedy: but this cannot affect the rights of Chu Chuen and Yui Chow, inter se, and those rights form the only matter for consideration in this appeal. I therefore, think that it should be declared that the plaintiffs are entitled to the grant of a Crown lease of the area of land marked red on the plan annexed to the agreement dated 19th Dec. 1889; that is to say, to such proportion (from front to back) of the whole of the frontage of Marine Lot 53a as the whole of the frontage of the plaintiffs property, Sections B and D of the said lot, upon the said road have to the whole frontage of Marine Lot No. 53a, upon the said road, and that the plaintiffs refund to the defendants with interest at 8 per cent. such sums as they, or their predecessors in title, have contributed to the cost of the reclamation in question, as well as the sum of \$2000 for which Chu Chuen bought the alleged reclamation rights of the owner of back section C. This appeal should, therefore, be dismissed with costs.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 3.53 p.m. Orders were given to hoist the black S. Cone and black drum.

On the 24th at 9.45 a.m. Orders were given to hoist the black S. Cone.

At 11.12 a.m. The barometer has risen in the Philippines and the extreme north and has remained practically stationary throughout China. A slight fall is registered at Gap Rock.

The typhoon is now situated nearly due south of Hongkong and is still moving westward.

Moderate N.E. winds will prevail in the Formosa Channel and strong E. veering to S.E. winds in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast.—Strong E. to S.E. winds, equally, showery.

In Russia, the penalty for leading a strike is the same as that for rebellion.

Drugs, boards may be made incombustible by painting with alkali of soda.

Some people practise what they preach. But it's a lead pipe cinch. They preach to others by the yard and practise by the inch.

REVIEWS.

ENGLISH MADE EASY. By Mok Yauk Lim, author of the Tab Tez dictionary.

The book is a manual for Chinese scholars learning English. The pronunciation of each English word is given by Chinese spelling, thus enabling the Chinese student to acquire the correct sound at a glance.

In addition, to most of the characters is subjoined a short note in Chinese colloquial, as an additional aid to the student. The Chinese Characters are given in their natural form to convey the English sound as it is heard. English as it is spoken is the goal at which the author aims, and his book is an excellent medium for the propagation of the English language among the Chinese.

Self-instructing, and to those desiring a knowledge of the phonetics of the English language it supplies the requisite assistance. By a study of the book a Chinaman would soon be enabled to carry on a short conversation with an Englishman, and, conversely, an Englishman would bring the student up to a high degree of efficiency. 'Piglin English' should quickly be eradicated if Mr. Mok Yauk Lim's book were widely availed of by the masses of Chinese, who are able to read their own written characters.

OLD HENDRIK'S TALES, by Captain A. O. Vaughan, Longman's Colonial Library. Received from Messrs Kelly and Walsh.

Captain Vaughan has given us an excellent well written and humorous series of short articles in 'Old Hendrik's Tales,' dealing entirely with the main characteristics of animal life in South Africa. Old Hendrik is a Hottentot, and his stories are told in the quaint broken English of the South African natives, which adds materially to their comicality. The sneaking propensities of the Jackal in his many encounters with 'Old Wolf,' in which the Wolf always comes off second best, are portrayed in a manner calculated to make the soberest person laugh, while the witty sayings of 'Jackals' are in themselves sufficient to provoke a superabundance of mirth. Although essentially a book for children 'Old Hendrik's Tales' can be read and enjoyed by anyone who can appreciate well-written satire.

COTTON GROWING EXPERIMENT.

The following results of an experiment in cotton growing in Borneo should be of interest to Hongkong people concerned in the growth of cotton in the New Territory.

We take the report, which was sent to the Governor in 1897, from the British North Borneo Herald:—Sandakan, 25th January, 1897, Sir,—I have the honour to enclose table showing the result of the experimental planting of one acre of Durum Cotton, on the 27th March, 1895, sufficient data having, I think, been collected to answer the purpose for which it was undertaken.

The land selected was covered with secondary jungle and coarse grass, and was of poor soil.

A small percentage of the first crop was destroyed by the red beetle, but this was not noticeable during the second crop.

I found that, of the two distances tried, the 1 acre in which the trees were planted at 6 feet was the more successful.

Planting the trees on furrows, as these were, I believe to be a mistake, as the roots soon reach the edge of the furrow and weaken the resistance which they would otherwise have to the wind. Several shrubs were blown down on one or two occasions of high wind. This, however, might be obviated by increasing the width of the furrow.

The ground required a considerable amount of draining, there being no natural slope.

I should be remembered that this experiment was made with a view to finding out how large a crop could be obtained, no care was taken in selecting good soil, and the upkeep consisted of keeping down the weeds; but it was required to show what crop might be expected from ordinary soil and under ordinary upkeep and the manner in which the crop was affected by the wind.

The latest monthly pickings were when the plants were of the age of 8, 10, 18 and 19 months, and it is noticeable that December of 1895, during which there were 29 days upon which rain fell, shows the three largest monthly pickings.

During July and August of 1896 all the shrubs were in flower.

Twelve of the cotton were sent to Hongkong and Japan were well reported on, the prices quoted ranging from \$19 to \$25 per picul. I have not, however, been able to obtain a quotation for the seed in quantity.

Picked seed for planting purposes has been sent to another paper, if a systematic planting by the native community could be commenced at each kampong within reasonable distance, under the superintendence of the District Officers, it would take but a short time to convince the natives that the cultivation of cotton is a profitable and commendable mode of earning a commodity for which there is a practically endless demand in the neighbouring countries of China and Japan.—Your obedient servant, E. P. GUERREZ.

As a rule, grey horses attain a greater age than those of any other color.

The latest bird to become extinct is the Chathamian albatross, the spread of whose wings was 12 ft. Four hundred pounds of eggs for an egg, but none has been found for 17 years.

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BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The French mail steamer *Touraine* left homeward bound early this morning. She delayed her departure yesterday owing to the typhoon.

As soon as the dock is vacated by the *Leviathan* the damaged steamer *Sikh* will be taken to have a new stern post fitted. The *Sikh* has been in the vicinity of the dock for some time waiting to have the new post made.

We are informed by the agents of the Portland and Asiatic S.S. Co. that the steamer *Arabia* will leave Vladivostok today (24th), and that Hongkong cargo has been released. The steamer is fixed to leave this port on Sept. 5.

All going well H.M.S. *Leviathan* is expected to be ready to leave the Kowloon Docks about Saturday. The repairs to her bottom have been pushed along as rapidly as possible, a good deal of the work being done at night by the aid of the new electric lighting instalment.

There was very little doing on the harbour this morning owing to the rough weather. A large number of junks and sampans ran for shelter to Causeway Bay at the first indication of a typhoon yesterday, and the rough weather last night, and early this morning, forced even the more courageous to do so. In the absence of the launches and sampans the harbour presented a very deserted appearance.

A novel sailing feat has been performed in New Zealand. Some months ago the Norwegian auxiliary schooner *Torvalden*, which is a steel vessel of 266 tons, built in 1901, was stranded at Hokitika, New Zealand. The vessel had to be lifted a considerable height from the ocean beach to the top of the bank, and brought about a quarter of a mile overland to the river, where she was placed and subsequently launched.

At 10 o'clock this morning the black cone and drum, which was hoisted at the Observatory yesterday was taken down, and in its place the black cone point downwards was hoisted, indicating that a typhoon was raging South of the Colony the centre of which is believed to be less than 300 miles away. In Kowloon Bay no less than seven steamers were taking shelter, including the China Navigation Company's new steamer *Shanghai*, which is waiting to make her trial run.

Trouble has arisen between the master and crew of the British steamer *Ranmoor*, as a result of which the men were charged, by Captain Wilcox, with disobeying his orders. It appears that the vessel touched at Hongkong for orders and the crew refused to proceed, on the grounds that they had signed articles for Hongkong and wished to be paid off here. They were ordered by Hon. Captain Barrow-Lawrence, at the Marine Magistrate's Court, to forfeit 12 days pay, and to be imprisoned for not longer than two months.

Captain Robertson, of the ketch *Jura*, trading between Queensland and New Guinea, in a letter to T. Pratt, of the London Missionary Society, relates a remarkable experience. The ketch was in a dead calm, when a waterspout approached, and appeared likely to overwhelm the vessel. There were 16 passengers on board, and most of them had guns. Captain Robertson ordered them to fire a volley, and this was done when the waterspout was a short distance off. The firing had the effect of breaking the whirl of the waterspout, and it most likely was the means of saving the vessel and those on board.

The *Chugan Shogyo Shimpore* reports that the British steamer *Aurora*, under charter to the South Fusan Railway Company, which left Mureman July 24, on stranded near Ulsan Bay, north of Fusan, on the 31st July, and there is little hope of the steamer being floated. She carried about 18,000 casks of coal, 300 tons of timber on deck, and about 300 cases of Sapporo beer. The steamer *Ranmoor* was sent to the wreck, and is now trying to transfer the cargo. It is stated that the steamer and beer are insured for yen 57,000 with the Tokyo Marine and the Japan Marine Insurance Offices.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THIRD MEETING.

POST ENTRIES will be allowed in events Nos. 2 and 4, viz.—TENT PEGGING AND THE LADIES' NOMINATION. The Entrance Fee for Tent Pegging has been reduced from \$5 to \$3.

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